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The Aniridia and Low Vision Research Symposium is being held in concert with the Aniridia Foundation International 2011 Medical Conference. The Research Symposium will address current and emerging strategies for the treatment of low vision disorders including aniridia, and it will investigate non-vision aspects of anirida such as auditory interhemispheric transfer deficits, endocrine function, and autism. The Medical Conference educates patients and their families on the medical and genetic aspects of aniridia. Educational sessions will be held Thursday July 14, 2011, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM and Friday, July 15, 2011, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

These two meetings are a unique opportunity to bring together patients, physicians, and researchers in the study and treatment of aniridia and related eye disorders. The dinner and keynote address on Friday, as well as the exhibits and poster sessions, are open to participants of both conferences. The research sessions on Saturday and Sunday are open only to registered participants of the Aniridia and Low Vision Research Symposium.

Keynote Addresses

Peter A. Netland, M.D., Ph.D., Professor and Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Virginia Health System

Robert Grainger, Ph.D., W.L. Lyons Brown Professor of Biology in the Department of Biology at the University of Virginia

Sessions:

- Anterior Eye
- Posterior Eye
- Eye Development
- Genetics of Aniridia
- Poster Sessions & Vendor Exhibits

There will be poster sessions Friday and Saturday, July 15 and 16, 2011 from 8:00 – 10:00 PM.

Abstract Submission: jdlauder@uga.edu by June 30

Deadlines:

Registration: June 30, 2011

Hotel Reservation: June 16, 2011

Additional Information:

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Additional Featured Speakers

- **Robert Chow, Ph.D., Canada Research Chair in Retinal and Early Eye Development and Assistant Professor, Dept. Biology, Univ. of Victoria; research focus is on mechanisms underlying cell type diversity in the vertebrate retina.**
- **John M. Freeman, M.D., Instructor of Ophthalmology, Univ. of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis; specializes in the cornea, stem cell disorders of the eye and refractive surgery.**
- **Cheryl Y. Gregory-Evans, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Dept. of Ophthalmology, Univ. of British Columbia; specializes in both zebrafish and mouse models systems to study developmental eye diseases.**
- **Kevin Gregory-Evans, M.D., Ph.D., Julia Levy BC Leadership Chair in Macular Research, Dept. of Ophthalmology, Univ. of British Columbia; specializes in genetics and cell therapies for diseases of the eye.**
- **Christopher D. Riemann, M.D., Retinal Surgeon, Cincinnati Eye Institute; specializes in vitreoretinal diseases, including diabetic retinopathy and retinal detachment.**
- **Heather Skeens, M.D., Assistant Professor, Medical University of South Carolina; specializes in corneal transplantation and ocular surface stem cell transplantation.**
- **Elizabeth M. Simpson, Ph.D., Professor, Dept. Medical Genetics, Univ. of British Columbia; research focus is on mouse models of developmental brain and behaviour disorders, stem cells and neurogenesis, and gene therapy.**
- **Michael E. Snyder, M.D., Surgeon, Cincinnati Eye Institute; specializes in diseases and surgery of anterior eye, including iris repair and corneal transplantation.**